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REF: DANANG 33 TO EMBASSY, RPT STATE

1. VIET CONG/FRONT CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDIUM ISSUED STATEMENT TRANSMITTED ON VC RADIO JULY 25 (FBIS SAIGON 251325) DENOUNCING UPCOMING CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

2. STATEMENT CALLED PLANNED ELECTIONS "DECEITFUL TRICK" STAGED "TO CHEAT PUBLIC OPINION..." AND COMPARED "THIS TREACHEROUS ACT" WITH FORMER ELECTIONS IN SVN UNDER DIEM. PRESIDIUM

PAGE TWO RUMJIR 1928 C O N F I D E N T I A L
STATEMENT THEN URGED "ALL COMPATRIOTS" ESPECIALLY URBAN DWELLERS "TO THOROUGHLY BOYCOTT... AND TO SMASH THIS DECEITFUL BUFFOONERY" AND TO CARRY ON STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW GVN.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VIET CONG HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTENTION TO OPPOSE ELECTIONS, PRESIDIUM STATEMENT NOT ONLY REITERATES THIS OPPOSITION, BUT MAKES CLEAR VC'S ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THEM THROUGH BOYCOTT AND PHYSICAL HARASSMENT. RECENT JULY 16 INCIDENT INVOLVING VC ATTACK ON VNQDD LEADERSHIP IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE (DANANG 33) ALREADY INDICATES THAT VIET CONG ARE ATTEMPTING TO "SMASH" THE ELECTIONS.

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